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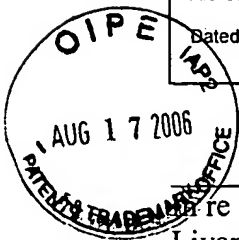
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed July 26, 2006 (Paper No. 20060713), for which a response is due August 26, 2006. Accordingly, this response to timely filed.

The Examiner has required restriction between

I. Claims 1-25 and 31-51, are drawn to methods of indexing circular nucleic acids, classified in class 435, subclass 6.

II. Claims 26-30 and 52-58, are drawn to kits for indexing circular nucleic acids, classified in class 536, subclass 24.2.

In response, Applicant hereby provisionally elects claims 1-25 and 31-51 for continued examination.

Applicant expressly reserves the right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming priority from this application.

Applicant requests examination of the elected claims on the merits.

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